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IRAC-IR&DC-10/75

21 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SUBJECT: HUMINT R&D

1. During discussions in April of this year, the DCI requested that the Chairman (Dr. Currie) have the Council review and appraise the intelligence community's HUMINT R&D Program. A presentation on this subject will be given to the Council on 30 July 1975 at 0930 hours in CIA Headquarters.

2. Attached for the members' review and retention prior to the 30 July session are current perceptions of salient HUMINT problems and priority HUMINT R&D needs as currently approved by the Human Sources Committee of USIB.

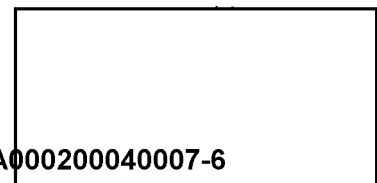


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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

HUMAN SOURCES COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

HSC-C-144

17 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, Intelligence Research
and Development Council

THROUGH : Chairman, USIB Human Sources Committee

SUBJECT : Status of the Humint R&D Effort

1. It may be useful for you to have, in advance of the 30 July 1975 presentation to IRAC, a brief resume of developments and some background papers outlining current perceptions of the salient Humint problems and the most pressing R&D needs. The presentation may structure the material differently and omit some of the items, but it will be drawn from this base.

2. Following submission of the 15 April 1975 "Problem Definition" report to the Human Sources Committee (HSC), a Table containing 47 specific R&D tasks was prepared (see Attachment "B"). It was then reviewed by a Panel, consisting of community-wide Humint collectors and researchers, and priority recommendations were made to the HSC. The Panel's deliberations were based on two explicit premises: it should focus on those R&D needs unique to the human source collection effort and not apt to receive adequate attention without HSC support; and it should stress tasks of special significance to the overt collection effort. Four categories of tasks evolved:

Category A - URGENT: Tasks expected to greatly benefit the Humint community and which, without HSC support, would not be given effort commensurate with their importance;

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Category B - OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE: Tasks of considerable (but not exclusive) importance to the Humint community and requiring that the particular Humint needs be stressed to the R&D community;

Category C - OF IMPORTANCE: Tasks of sufficient significance to warrant HSC support of on-going research.

Category D - OF INTEREST: Tasks which will be pursued in any event and require no special support by the Humint community.

3. Thirty-seven of the original forty-seven tasks were assigned to these four categories; nine tasks, ones requiring policy and administrative decisions rather than significant R&D efforts, were referred back to the HSC with a recommendation that they be considered for inclusion in the HSC's Action Program. Attachment "A" provides a very brief description of the tasks in the priority categories. More complete descriptions may be found in Attachment "B". The parenthetical entries in Attachment "A" refer to the appropriate items in "B"; for instance (10:2) refers to page 10, item 2, in Attachment "B".

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Chairman
HSC R&D Task Team

Attachments:

- A - Summary of R&D Tasks
- B - Complete R&D Tasks Table

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ATTACHMENT "B"

R&D TASKS FOR HUMAN SOURCE COLLECTION OPERATIONS

28 May 1975

INTRODUCTION

THIS LIST OF TASKS IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR R&D CATEGORIES:

- (1) HARD SCIENCE TASKS FEASIBLE WITH EXISTING TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES (17 TASKS, PAGES 1 - 4)
- (2) HARD SCIENCE TASKS REQUIRING LONGER RANGE BASIC RESEARCH (10 TASKS, PAGES 5 - 6)
- (3) SOFT SCIENCE TASKS FEASIBLE WITH EXISTING TECHNIQUES & RESOURCES (14 TASKS, PAGES 7 - 9)
- (4) SOFT SCIENCE TASKS REQUIRING LONGER RANGE BASIC RESEARCH (8 TASKS, PAGES 10 - 12)

THERE ARE FOUR COLUMNS FOR EACH ITEM, STATING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

- (1) THE BASIC NEED, PROBLEM OR CAPABILITY REQUIRED
- (2) THE MAJOR OVERT & COVERT COLLECTION FUNCTIONS TO BE SERVED
- (3) THE FUNDAMENTAL R&D DISCIPLINES & TECHNIQUES INVOLVED IN THE EFFORT
(NOTE: THESE ARE ABBREVIATED & ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, NOT NECESSARILY DEFINITIVE)
- (4) SUCH COMMENTS AS SEEM APPROPRIATE

THE INTENT IS TO PROVIDE A FUNCTIONAL (& NOT HIGHLY TECHNICAL) FOCUS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH:

- (1) PRACTICAL TASKS MAY BE SELECTED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION
- (2) PROCEDURES & STRATEGIES FOR LONG RANGE RESEARCH MAY BE DEVISED

THE TASKS ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN PRIORITY ORDER. SOME ATTEMPT TO GROUP TASKS BY FUNCTION HAS BEEN MADE BUT THERE ARE INCONSISTENCIES. SEVERAL TASKS REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO R&D, MERELY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS TO LINK EXISTING RESOURCES. IN SUCH A BROAD OVERVIEW IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE BETWEEN SIMPLICITY & SUBSTANCE (OR BREVITY & DETAIL) WHICH WILL SUIT THE NEEDS & INTERESTS OF A DIVERSE AUDIENCE. ADJUSTMENTS ALONG THOSE AXES WILL BE APPROPRIATE IN PLANNING SESSIONS FOLLOWING THE BASIC DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH TASKS ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

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